(b) what was the result of the checking;

(c) were the teachers employed for that purpose paid allowance; if so, when and what was the amount?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(a) The checking of the ration cards was conducted during the period from 14th Makaram 1120 (27th January 1945) to 17th Makaram 1120 (30th January 1945).

(b) The total quantity of ration per day was reduced by 26,489 units.

(c) No. An allowance of Rs. 5 has been sanctioned to each of the checking officers. Since the exact amount of expenditure involved could not be fixed and sanctioned without ascertaining the number of teachers entrusted with the work and verifying their claims, there was some delay to disburse the allowance. The allowance will be paid soon.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഇതിൽ അദ്ധ്യാപകന്മാർ ജോലിചെയ്തു ശരിയായിട്ടില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞുവല്ലൊ. അവർ ഇത്രത്തോളം ജോലികൾ ചെയ്യണമെന്നു ക്ലിപ്തപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നുവെന്നും പറഞ്ഞു. ആ ജോലിക്കു് ഇവർ ഓരോരുത്തർക്കും ഈ അലൗൻസിനു മതിയെന്നു വെക്കുവാനുണ്ടായ കാരണമെന്താണു്?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* We have already paid eight hundred and odd teachers.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: അഞ്ഞിനെയൊന്നു കണ്ടേക്കാമെന്നു് ഇപ്പോൾ തോന്നുവാനുണ്ടായ കാരണമെന്താണു്?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Of course. The allowance was not made depend upon the quantum of work.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: അതിലേക്കു കൂടുതൽ കിട്ടേണ്ടതുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഇതിനേക്കാൾ കൂടുതൽ കൊടുക്കാമെന്നു ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു തോന്നുമോ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* We also grow wiser.

"COMPTROLLER OF ACCOUNTS"

27. Miss Annie Joseph *(Trichur—Women):* Will Government be pleased to state the basis on which the expression "Comptroller" of Accounts came into being?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* The expression "Comptroller", means the authority who computes and checks the account. There does not appear to be any particular reason for choosing the expression here. In Mysore also the same term is used.

Miss Annie Joseph *(Trichur-Women):* My doubt is this. I just want to know if the term Comptroller is right or wrong. Because in the Oxford Dictionary I find it is mis-spelling of Controller. First it was Comptroller; now it is Controller.

Mr. President: I think if the Hon'ble Member will consult a larger Dictionary she would find that this is a perfectly correct form. It may be rather more antiquated, but it is perfectly correct.

Miss Annie Joseph *(Taichur-Women):* I consulted half a dozen Dictionaries, but I did not find anything.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member is not asking for the information but she is giving it.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT BILLS

The Industrial Satistics Bill

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I move that the Industrial Statistics Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

General discussion on the Budget

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I rise to a point of parliamentary enquiry before we start the general discussion, that is, whether there would be any time limit for speeches, since there are very many new Hon'ble Members, a good many of whom will be anxious to make their maiden speeches. Is it not desireable to fix a time limit for speeches?

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